

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a new Figure 8A which is a blown-up view of the axial bearing of Figure 8. It is believed that Figure 8A is sufficient to overcome the examiner's objections to the drawings as set forth on Page 2 of the outstanding official action.

The specification has been amended in paragraph [0025] and paragraph [0037] to refer to the newly submitted drawing Figure 8A.

Finally, the claims have been amended so as to overcome those objections raised by the examiner on paragraph 3 of his Office action.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims as pending patentably define over the art of record and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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